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DRAFT TELEGRAM TO TEL AVIV -- UNCLASSIFIED

Subject: USS Liberty Claim

Ref: Tel Aviv 6899

1. Department is pleased with receipt of Israeli Foreing Ministry note of May 25 offering to begin ~~commencement~~ of negotiations with USG on USS Liberty claim.

2. Department is prepared to send representative or USG team from Washington to provide legal and technical TDY assistance as requested for negotiations with Israeli negotiating team in Jerusalem any time after July 4 or, alternatively, August 4. Washington team may include, for example, member from Department of Navy. Because of other commitments, preferred date is July and, in any event, not later than middle of August for commencement of negotiations. If these dates are not convenient for the Israeli negotiating team, please submit alternatives.

3. Embassy is authorized and requested to make necessary arrangements on basis of foregoing and notify Department

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